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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *7/24/08*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-5,12-16 and 32-36* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☐ Claim(s) *1-5,12-16 and 32-36* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 2/25/09 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claim(s) **1, 12 and 32** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) being unpatentable over **Qui** (US Pub. No. 20020097686) in view of **Gaal** (US 2004/0203475)

2. Referring to claim **1**, **Qui** teaches a method for providing feedback regarding the quality of a communication channel which is transmitted between a transmitter and a receiver ([0014]); the method comprising:

- receiving a downlink data communication ([0016]);
- performing at least one current quality measurement on said downlink data communication to determine the current quality of said downlink data channel (obtain CSI, [0016]);

- deriving, based on said performing step, a predictive channel quality indication (CQI) estimating the future quality of said downlink data channel on a per multiple slots basis ([19, 25,22]) and
- transmitting said predictive CQI wherein said predictive CQI includes at least one of a recommended transport block size, modulation format, or number of codes ([20-21, 25, 26, 45]).

Qui teaches deriving/obtaining the future quality of said downlink on a per *multiple* time slot*s* basis but not on *a per* time slot basis. In an analogous art, **Gaal** teaches obtaining channel quality indication on a per time slot basis (C/I ratio estimate can be performed in every time slot, [25, 29, 33, 47]). The examiner notes that the concept of obtaining a channel quality indication on a per time slot basis is not novel because it is a matter of design choice. A network designer can choose to obtain/derive a channel quality indication value every five time slot basis or every one time slot basis depending on how fast the designer would like the system to respond to a change in channel quality. The more often the channel quality indication is obtained, the faster the system can respond. Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Qui's teaching of deriving a predictive CQI at a faster frequency on per a time slot as suggested by **Gaal's** teaching of obtaining the channel quality on **a** time slot basis. This modification of a faster frequency of deriving the channel quality indication on a time slot basis would yield an increase in response time to signal fading and thus faster adjustment can be made to improve signal quality.

3. Referring to **claim 12**, **Qui** teaches a method for providing channel quality measurements on a downlink communication ([0014]); the method comprising:

- monitoring said downlink communication channel at said receiver ([16]);
- performing at least one current measurement on said downlink communication channel to determine the current quality of said downlink data channel ([0016]);
- deriving, based on said performing step, a predictive channel quality indication (CQI) estimating the future quality of said downlink data channel ([0019, 25]); and
- transmitting said predictive CQI from said receiver to said transmitter wherein said predictive CQI includes at least one of a recommended transport block size, modulation format, or number of codes ([20-21, 25, 26, 45]), a per multiple slots basis ([19, 25,22]) and

Qui teaches deriving/obtaining the future quality of said downlink on a per *multiple* time slot*s* basis but does not teach *a per* time slot basis. In an analogous art, **Gaal** teaches obtaining channel quality indication on a per time slot basis (C/I ratio estimate can be performed in every time slot, [25, 29, 33, 47]). The examiner notes that the concept of obtaining a channel quality indication on a per time slot basis is not novel because it is a matter of design choice. A network designer can choose to obtain/derive a channel quality indication value every five time slot basis or every one time slot basis depending on how fast the designer would like the system to respond to a change in channel quality. The more often the channel quality indication is obtained, the faster the system can respond. Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Qui's teaching of deriving a predictive CQI

at a faster frequency on per a time slot as suggested by **Gaal's** teaching of obtaining the channel quality on **a** time slot basis. This modification of a faster frequency of deriving the channel quality indication on a time slot basis would yield an increase in response time to signal fading and thus faster adjustment can be made to improve signal quality.

4. Referring to **claim 32**, **Qui** teaches a method for providing feedback regarding the quality of a communication channel which is transmitted between a transmitter and a receiver ([14]);

- the method comprising: receiving a downlink data communication ([0016]); receiving a said pilot channel communication ([0016]);
- performing at least one current quality measurement on said downlink data communication and said pilot channel communication to determine the current quality of said downlink data channel (0016);
- deriving, based on said performing step, a predictive channel quality indication (CQI) estimates the future quality of said downlink data channel ([19, 25]) a per multiple slots basis ([19, 25,22]) and
- transmitting said predictive CQI from said receiver to said transmitter wherein said predictive CQI includes at least one of a recommended transport block size, modulation format, or number of codes ([20-21, 25, 26, 45]).

Qui teaches deriving/obtaining the future quality of said downlink on a per *multiple* time slot*s* basis but not on *a per* time slot basis. In an analogous art, **Gaal** teaches obtaining channel quality indication on a per time slot basis (C/I ratio estimate can be performed in every time slot, [25, 29, 33, 47]). The examiner notes that the concept of obtaining a channel quality indication on a per time slot basis is not novel because it is a matter of design choice. A network designer can choose to obtain/derive a channel quality indication value every five time slot basis or every one time slot basis depending on how fast the designer would like the system to respond to a change in channel quality. The more often the channel quality indication is obtained, the faster the system can respond. Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Qui's teaching of deriving a predictive CQI at a faster frequency on per a time slot as suggested by **Gaal's** teaching of obtaining the channel quality on **a** time slot basis. This modification of a faster frequency of deriving the channel quality indication on a time slot basis would yield an increase in response time to signal fading and thus faster adjustment can be made to improve signal quality.

5. Claim(s) **1, 12 and 32** are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) being unpatentable over **Balachandran** (EP0899906) in view of **Raitola** (US 7,336,629)

6. Referring to claim **1**, **Balachandran** teaches a method for providing feedback regarding the quality of a communication channel which is transmitted between a transmitter and a receiver ([0014]); the method comprising:

- receiving a downlink data communication ([0040]);
- performing at least one current quality measurement on said downlink data communication to determine the current quality of said downlink data channel ([0016, 40]);
- deriving, based on said performing step, a predictive channel quality indication (CQI) estimating the future quality of said downlink data channel ([30]) and
- transmitting said predictive CQI wherein said predictive CQI includes at least one of a recommended transport block size ([30, 40]), modulation format, or number of codes.

Balachandran teaches making measurements on a per multiple time slots basis but not on *a* time slot basis. In an analogous art, **Raitola** teaches obtaining channel quality indication on a per time slot basis (C3 L37-50). Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Qui's teaching of deriving a predictive CQI and on a time slot basis as taught by Raitola to increase the response time to signal fading and faster adjustment can be made to improve signal quality (C2 L10-25).

- Regarding claims **12 and 32**, they are claims that have the same limitations as claims 1, thus are rejected for the same reasons.

7. Claims **2-3, 13-14 and 33-34** are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable **Qui and Gaal in view of Bergel** (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0142698).

8. Referring to claims **2, 13 and 33**, **Qui** does not explicitly teach including storing said at least one current quality measurement (0026 and Figure 4B). In an analogous art, **Bergel** teaches the step of storing at least one current quality measurement (S120, [0048, 0049] and Figure 4B). Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine the admitted prior art's teaching of deriving a predictive CQI with Bergel's teaching of storing at least one current quality measurement to compare the past and present values to provide a more accurate estimate value.

9. Referring to claims **3, 14 and 34**, admitted prior art of applicant further teaches the method of claims 1/12/32 respectively but does not explicitly teach the step of retrieving a stored measurement in deriving the predictive CQI. In an analogous art, **Bergel** said deriving step further includes retrieving at least one stored quality measurement and utilizing said at least one stored quality measurement and said at least one current quality measurement to derive said predictive CQI (S120, [0048, 0049] and Figure 4B). Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine the admitted prior art's teaching of deriving a predictive CQI with Bergel's teaching of deriving step predicts the future quality of the downlink communication channel to provide an improved compensation technique for transmission over a channel (0010).

10. Claims **4, 15 and 35** are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Qui, Gaal and Bergel** and further in view of Koorapaty et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0129992, hereinafter **Koorapaty**).

11. Referring to claims **4, 15 and 35**, **Qui, Gaal and Bergel** teach the limitations of claims 4,15 and 35, but do not teach storing predicted values. **Koorapaty** et al. teaches storing predicted values [0010]. Therefore at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Koorapaty of storing predicted values to compare the predicted values with the measured values ([0012]).

12. Claims **5,16 and 36** are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Qui** in view of Bruckert et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,305,468, hereinafter **Bruckert**)

13. Referring to claims **5, 16 and 36**, **Qui and Gaal** teach the limitations of claims 1, 12 and 32, but do not teach wherein said deriving step utilizes a linear predictive algorithm to derive the predicted value. In an analogous art, **Bruckert** et al. teaches wherein said deriving step utilizes a linear predictive algorithm to derive the predicted value (Column 4, Lines 42-45). Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the to combine the teaching of **Qui and Gaal** with the teaching of Bruckert et al. wherein said deriving step utilizes a linear predictive algorithm to derive the predicted value to provide a more accurate power control command (Column 1, Lines 47-49).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 2/25/09 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that,

"The Examiner has then cited Gaal as teaching obtaining channel quality on a per time slot basis. Gaal does not teach the deriving based on the current quality, a predictive channel quality indication estimating the future quality of the downlink channel on a per time slot basis. Applicant does not claim only the taking of measurements on a per time slot basis, nor does Applicant disclose deriving the predictive CQI based solely on a per time slot basis from measurements taken on a per time slot basis. It appears that the Examiner has misinterpreted Applicants' disclosed method."

The examiner respectfully disagrees. Qui has already been cited to show the teaching of the deriving based on the current quality, a predictive channel quality indication estimating the future quality of the downlink channel. However what Qui is missing is the step being performed on a per time slot basis. However, the examiner note that the concept of obtaining a quality value on a channel on a per time slot basis should not be the basis of novelty because it is a matter of design choice. One can choose to obtain/derive a channel quality value on a 5 time slot basis or on every one time slot basis depending on how fast the designer would like the system to respond to a change in channel quality. The more often the channel quality indication is obtained, the faster the system can respond and of course the trade of would be the more resources being used.

Gaal was cited to show the concept of obtaining the channel quality on a time slot basis. Thus, Qui and Gaal in combination would yield the teaching of deriving based on the current quality, a predictive channel quality indication estimating the future quality of the downlink channel on a per time slot basis.

Conclusion

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Harper can be reached on (571) 272-7605. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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